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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, we are writing to ask for the tightening of the October 7, 2022, rules on “Implementation of Additional Export Controls: Certain Advanced Computing and Semiconductor Manufacturing Items; Supercomputer and Semiconductor End Use; Entity List Modification.” This landmark rule marked a critical step to ensuring U.S. technological leadership and that the U.S. military maintains a technological edge over the People’s Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Chinese Communist Party.

However, since the rule was published, PRC technology firms and other multinational entities have identified workarounds for the export control rules, allowing the PRC continued, legal access to advanced semiconductors that can efficiently train artificial intelligence models. For example, in tandem with consideration of other relevant parameters, the advanced computer rule threshold for the bidirectional transfer rate of 600 Gbyte/s should be lowered sufficiently to prevent clever engineering that bypasses the regulations set on October 7, 2022. We should also closely consider measures to ensure cloud computing services are not used by PRC firms to simply outsource their advanced computing needs. These matters are complicated, and we look forward to working with the Administration to update them as new information comes to light.

In this vein, we urge you to even further strengthen the October 7, 2022, rules so that advanced U.S. technology and expertise related to advanced computing and semiconductors are

not used against the United States. Updating the October 7 rule and safeguarding U.S. leadership in the critical semiconductor sector would mark a critical and continued step to that end.

Thank you for your work on these issues, and we look forward to engaging with you to protect our nation's interests, economic security, and national security.

Sincerely,

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Mike Gallagher
Chairman

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Raja Krishnamoorthi
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